

Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 4, 2014

Welcome and Announcements
Prayer
Prelude

(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	“Surely the Presence of the Lord”	Choir
*Hymn	“How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)	529

(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)

“Let the Children Come!”
(Those 3 years of age through 5 years of age may go to Children’s Nursery.)

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Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	“Are Ye Able” (v. 1, 2, 4)	530
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer (<i>Unison</i>)		895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory	“On Eagle’s Wings”	Choir
*Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	95

Scripture Lesson	Matthew 19:13-14	Page 25 (N.T)
	Mark 9:33-41	Pages 46-47(N.T.)
Sermon	“Who is Defending Who?”	Rev. Robert Reeves

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God’s Word)

*Hymn	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	402
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	“Three Fold Amen”	Choir
*Postlude		

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor:	Robert Reeves	Nursery:	Annette Watson
Pianist :	Christopher McCroskey	Tellers:	John Ballentine; Becky Derrick
Music Director:	Jackie McNeill	A/V Assistants:	Jim Miller; John Ballentine
Usher:	Tom Geddens	Time Together:	Jewel Pearcy; Pauline Wenner

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers. An **INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY** is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Sermon Review and Introduction

First, I want to thank Norman Hodges for delivering the Sermon this past Sunday while I was gone to India. I'm certain the message was of value to all listening ears and hearts. If you read the GLIA newsletter article for the month of May you will see that I have addressed some of the issues that surround the movie "Noah". Although it is not a perfect movie in reference to all the reasons it was made or the story line or the questionable faith values of some of the persons who put it together, still the story of Noah, though altered, got to the big screen. Now if the story was so grossly perverted that one would be left wondering if there was any value to this movie, then that would be one thing. But such is not entirely the case with this story. Ultimately, the movie "Noah" will stir people to give further consideration to faith issues, and if we as Christians do our work correctly, we can use this to GOD's advantage. So, before we possibly throw stones at the "Noah" movie, if there is any way possible in honoring CHRIST, let's use the movie to glorify GOD and lead persons to want to know more about the claims of CHRIST and the truth found in scripture. In fact, let's do that all the time as much as possible in our approach to handling situations and persons and life. What is at stake is people knowing CHRIST or not. If people don't know CHRIST, we had all better pray it wasn't our fault in GOD's eyes they never found redemption. Well, let's discuss it today. The original disciples had all our problems. However the original disciples also learned to walk with GOD to accomplish great things for CHRIST!!! Do we have all the strengths of the original disciples? GOD will see in time. Blessings for the journey!!!!

TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Barbara Pearson	Jim Stiles	Jan Stamps	Melton Martin	Marian Risinger
Carolyn Hardee	Roland Morgan	Arnold Heiting	Sara Efron	Bonnie Ramsey
Arvan Derrick	Brenda Streetman	Donnie Sox	Kathy White	Christopher McCroskey
Miriam Simpson	Latson Lewis	Andrew Lewis	Rusty Poole	Taylor Lewis
Tom Lloyd				

Shut-Ins: Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Doris Ivey; LaCrecia Taylor; Terry Pitts; Ruby Schmotzer; Claudia Sineath; Jean Raynor; David Roberts

Family and Friends: **Family of Dr. Wade Collins** (Former Classmate of Bonnie Ramsey & father of coworker of Jo Ann Heiting); **Bruce Williamson** (father of coworker of Kathy White); **Robert & Margaret Holladay & family** (borther & sister-in-law of Carolynn Hardee); **Jimmy & Nancy Friedrich** (Shirley Butler's niece and her husband); **Bob Bryant** (brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler); **Mary Baggott** (Kathy White's coworker's mom); **Ruby Brown** (cousin of Patsy Zeigler); **Yvonne Kirkman** (Kathy White's coworker's sister); **Debra Stratham** (friend of Marie Stiles); **Ernest Westbury** (friend of English & Jewel Pearcy); **Chris Foy** (friend of Georgeann Pace); **Janet Neblo** (Georgeann Pace's daughter-in-law's mother); **Mary Thompson** (co-worker of Christopher McCroskey); **Winslow Jumper** (brother of Nell Cooke); **Lewie Harrell** (nephew of Nell Cooke); **Kitty Sellers** (friend of John & Patsy Zeigler); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Jan Hoover** (friend of Laurie Knapp); **Beth Ann Feimster** (sister of Christopher McCroskey); **Matt Owen** (husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter); **Michael Carter** (son of Esther Carter); **Garland Pearson** (brother of Bill Pearson); **Jon Kirby** (grandson of Nell Cooke); **Narcie McClendon Jeter** (daughter of Tim McClendon); **John Glaze** (brother-in-law of Shirley Butler); **Jeanne Crone** (neighbor of Jo Ann & Arnold Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender); **Vickie Bright** (friend of Kaye Floyd); **Mike Rentz** (brother of Marty Johnson); **Walt Beck** (friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting); **Linda Boatwright** (sister of George & Morris Taylor); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 04/27 Sunday School 29 Morning Worship: 49

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 04/27 \$ 2,314.00

OUR SERVICE.”

Church Calendar

TODAY Lunch Bunch

5/05 FH Reserved, GS Troop 1279, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

5/06 Witness, 6 p.m.

5/07 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

Choir, 7 p.m.

5/08 UMW, 10 a.m.

Serving On:

May 11
Ushers: Tom Geddens
Tellers: Mary Kamoroff; Jo Ann Heiting
Flowers: Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting
Acolyte: Needed
Lay Reader: Laurie Knapp
Time Together: Ruth Frady
Greeters: Needed
AV Assistant: Jim Miller; John Ballentine

May 18

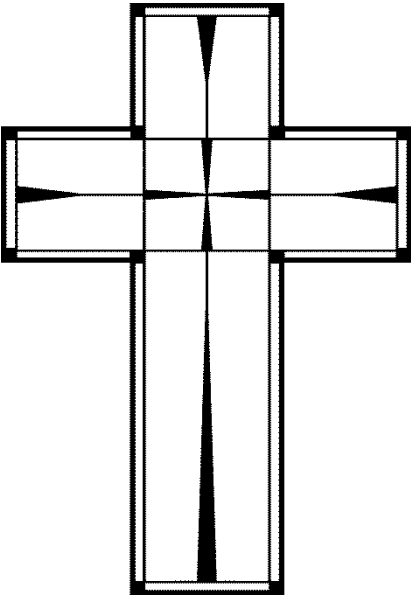
Needed
Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs
Pauline Wenner
Needed
Needed
Mary Louise Robinson
Needed
Jim Miller; Marie Stiles



Ministers	The Congregation
Pastor	Robert D. B. Reeves
Resident Bishop	Jonathan Holston
District Superintendent	Rev. Dr. Timothy McClendon

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

May 11, 2014

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call our mothers and maybe even take them out to lunch. Most of the more than 75 children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Faithful Methodists from the past and present have invested in comprehensive care for every child who calls Epworth home. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth in answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



1 Million Book Tea Party



MARK YOUR CALENDARS, SAVE THE DATE for the 1 Million Book Tea Party. It will be held on May 18th from 3-4 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Cost of the tea is \$5 plus 1 new age appropriate book for pre-school or elementary school children. Bring 2 books and pay nothing. Feel free to dress up and wear hats or come casual. Children are especially invited for a fun time and a time of learning about poverty as they bring books for another child who otherwise would not have any. The cost for a child is just 1 book. Reservations are necessary. Sign up in the Gathering Area or call the Church Office, 794-7777. We want to do our part in transforming the lives of children in our state by equipping them with the tools they need to grow into educated adults. Come and enjoy tea party food and listen to the music of some of our youth. Pass the word on to your neighbors and friends.

Canoeing for Kids Raft-A-Rama

A fund raising event benefiting Canoeing For Kids will be held on the Saluda River on May 17. The seven mile paddle from CFK headquarters to the State Capitol is suitable for absolute novice paddlers. CFK will provide rafts and gear for everyone as well as a guide in each raft. Trips will begin at 9:30 am and 1:00pm.

Pre-register by May 1 to guarantee a seat in a raft. Registration also includes Lunch at CFK HQ and shuttle service. Lunch is served from 11:30am-2:00pm. The registration fee is \$50 per person. Early registration is recommended due to limited raft space. For a registration form, go to www.canoeingforkids.org/raft-a-rama.

The Witness Team will be giving out bottled waters, fruit and energy bars to the participants. We invite everyone who is interested to come out and help support the event and many of the youth in the church will be participating as rafters and helpers. Please let Marie Stiles know if you are able to help in the morning or afternoon, or both.



Congratulations to our 2014 Graduates:

High School

Drew Locklear – White Knoll High School

Alex Thomas – Dreher High School

Sara Platt – Brookland-Cayce High School

Josh Reeves – Online

College

Taylor Lewis – USC

The Time Together will be in their honor.



On Sunday, May 11th, the ***United Methodist Men*** will prepare their annual ***Mother's Day Breakfast***. Join them for a wonderful, stress-free and delicious start to Mother's Day. The breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. and everyone is invited.



The Women's Afternoon Group will meet on a different day and time this month. For our regular monthly meeting in May we will have lunch and then attend the movie "Heaven Is For Real" on May 20th. If you would like to join us, be at the Gunter Circle parking lot at 11:45 a.m. We will be leaving the parking lot for lunch by 12:00 p.m. Tickets for the movie are \$5.00. You do not have to be a member of our group to join us and feel free to invite a friend!

The Women's Afternoon Group will be going on the Elmwood Cemetery Tour hosted by the Columbia Historical Society on June 12th. The tour begins at 8:00 p.m. and lasts about one hour. A costumed member of the historical society will tell stories about the lives, burials, plots and tombstones of prominent citizens from the 19th and 20th century. We have reserved this tour. Space is limited. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Please call Ruth Frady at 796-1592 or Gale Frady at (803)622-4787 to reserve your space, or sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area. We will be meeting at the Gunter Circle parking lot about 7:15 p.m.

Ruth Frady is gathering information to set up a CPR Course. If you are interested in taking the CPR Course, please sign up on the sheet on the round table in the Gathering Area. Under our current Safe Sanctuary Policy, all volunteers and paid workers are required to attend CPR/First Aid Class.